

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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### **Business Opportunity to Operate a Stable & Camp Store.**

The National Park Service has issued a Prospectus soliciting proposals in response to a business opportunity to operate Horse, Mule, Donkey and Llama Stall Rentals and a Camp Store in near Bandy Creek. For information about this opportunity, visit our website at <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/biso003-13.htm> or email [Cherrie\\_Brice@nps.gov](mailto:Cherrie_Brice@nps.gov) to request a prospectus package. No telephone requests will be honored. Proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m. (ET) September 14, 2012.

### **Food & Craft Vendors Wanted for Big South Fork's 20th Storytelling Festival.**

The Storytelling Festival is one of the largest free events in this area and a great opportunity for vendors to sell food and crafts for the day. The festivities will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2012, near the Bandy Creek Visitor Center from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. EDT. Anyone wishing to set up a booth to sell food, traditional crafts, or do demonstrations of period activities are encouraged to contact Tish Neal at (423) 569-9778.

**Public Meeting to Discuss Options for Improving Access in the Park.** Officials from the National Park Service Alternative Transportation Program will be in the park to discuss options for improving transportation to and within the park. The meeting will be on Wednesday, August 29th from 4 to 6 pm at the Park Headquarters Building.

**Now Hiring.** Want to share your love of the park with visitors and get paid while doing it? Then apply for the park ranger position. For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/322809200>. The deadline to apply is August 15, 2012.

**August Events & Programs** include wild animals, civil war sing alongs, astronomy and even moonshine (not to drink of course!). Call the Bandy Creek Visitor Center for more information on times and locations.

**For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:** [www.nps.gov/biso](http://www.nps.gov/biso)

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### **Art in the Park Reception: Photo Contest Winners will be Unveiled!**

In celebration of the National Park Service's 96th birthday, the Obed Wild and Scenic River is hosting an Art in the Park Reception on Saturday, August 25 at the Visitor Center at 208 N. Maiden Street in Wartburg, Tennessee. The reception will start at 5 pm (Eastern Time). The event will include art activities for kids and a display of photographs from the recent Obed Photography Contest. The Shelter Road Band will provide a range of Americana, rock and country music as light refreshments are served. David Brill will also be in attendance to sign his book, "Cumberland Odyssey", which will be available for purchase.

**Parks Establish Green Team.** Employees at Big South Fork and the Obed have joined together to establish a committee to promote more environmentally sustainable business practices. Superintendent Niki S. Nicholas has challenged her staff to find ways to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, reduce waste and use less energy. Look for reports on our progress in upcoming E-Newsletters.

**Did you know** that a Tennessee fishing license is required to fish in the Obed river? You can get a license online at <http://www.tn.gov/twra/licensefees.html>

**For information on events, contact the Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at:** [www.nps.gov/obed](http://www.nps.gov/obed)

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This and other amazing photos will be revealed at the **Art in the Parks** Reception on August 25th. Please join us for the unveiling.